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FT Person of the Year: Angela Merkel

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Climate obstacles emerge within hours

Politicians and business play down impact of Paris accord

Fosun chairman resurfaces from probe

Chinese tycoon addresses employees after 4-day disappearance while caught up in investigation

Thousands more bank jobs under threat

Wave of lay-offs that began in 2007 shows no sign of abating

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Gordhan back as South Africa finance minister

Dramatic twist in saga over controversial reshuffle

Banks weigh threat from internet sector

Sector chiefs call on regulators to help them compete with nimble newcomers

US calls time on Doha trade negotiations

Global talks have ‘not delivered’, says Froman

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China’s renminbi slips to new 4-year low

Move follows PBoC decision to track exchange rate against basket of currencies not just US dollar

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Stronger than expected business sentiment suggests central bank will delay stimulus boost

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Social media site on alert after possible hack by foreign state

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Sarkozy triumphs but with Socialist twist

Les Republicains win 7 out of 13 regions but in two need support from left to fend off Le Pen

Merkel toughens stance on migrants

Reducing the number of arrivals mooted on eve of party conference

Russia and Turkey in new confrontation

Moscow warship fires warning shots at fishing vessel

Rome deal ups the ante on Libyan rivals

Diplomats agree strategy to bring adversaries together for action against Isis

Cruz surges past Trump in Iowa polls

Firebrand Republican senator gains as ratings fall for Ben Carson

COMPANIES NEWS

Pharma R&D returns sink to five-year low

Cost of bringing drugs to market rises while forecast sales fall

Cheniere CEO stands down after Icahn move

Activist investor added to position just weeks before company was due to start exporting LNG

PE shortfall means chance to use own cash

Institutional backers have been pushing for firms to risk more of their own money

UK regulator to name and shame asset managers

Investment groups failing to follow stewardship code warned to raise their game

Boards finish year with gloomy outlook

Only 54% of respondents said the current government was friendly to business

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US central bank expected to raise interest rates for first time in almost a decade

ECB ‘ready to face’ US rate rise

Chief economist defends bank from criticism but acknowledges impact of ‘mutual misunderstanding’

Anglo digs in to defend restructuring

Miner determined to lighten load to counter effects of deepening downturn in commodities

EMs to feel pain of US rate rise

Export earnings may fail to recover from current falls

Emerging markets stoical on Fed meeting

As nations anticipate tighter US policy China's renminbi remains prime investor focus

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Why this week's WTO ministerial conference in Nairobi will mark the end of an era

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